Foreign visits made by the Vice-Chancellors of Central University

2948. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of visits made by the Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities to foreign countries during the last three years alongwith the names of these countries;

(b) what was the purpose of these visits and how many of these visits were private; and

(c) what is the total amount of money sanctioned by Government for these visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rajdhani Express

2949. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Calcutta bound Rajdhani Express is being considered to be one of the best trains run by Indian Railways throughout the country;

(b) whether despite its reputation, the Rajdhani Express for Calcutta which started from its terminal New Delhi station on the 23rd January, 1988, without filling water in the tanks of majority of the coaches;

(c) whether any complaints to this effect was received by Government direct or through complaint book provided in the running trains; if so, the details of action taken in the matter and the names of the persons found responsible for defaming the name of train as well as of Railways; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take so that such incidents are not repeated not only in the Rajdhani Express but in all trains run by Indian Railways?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. Four passengers of Coach No. 1201A complained about the sealed doors of lavatories 1 &2 of the above coach. The complaint is being investigated.

(d) There are well established common all Indian standards for cleanliness and safety of coaches. These standards cover activities starting from trip schedule to workshop overhaul. These activities are checked and double checked by supervisors and officers, specially so for the prestigious trains.

आयुर्वेद रत्न और वैद्य विशारद की परीक्षाओं को भारतीय चिकित्सा परिषद् द्वारा मान्यता दिया जाना

2950. **श्री प्रमोद महाजन** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हिन्दी साहित्य सम्मेलन, प्रयाग द्वारा संचालित आयुर्वेद रत्न तथा वैद्य विशारद परीक्षाओं को भारतीय चिकित्सा केन्द्रीय परिषद द्वारा मान्यता दी गई है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार उन्हें फिर से मान्यता देने पर विचार कर रही हैं ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?